GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA

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RENOVATION OF IRRIGATION PROJECTS
PRABHAT KUMAR SAMANTARAY

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government are aware of the extensive damage caused to irrigation project in Orissa due to recent super cyclone;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the extent of the damage caused; and

(c) the steps taken proposed to be taken by the Government to repair and renovate the damaged projects expeditiously ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR WATER RESOURCES (SMT. BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The severe cyclonic storm and floods from 29th October to 1St November, 1999 have caused 2005 and 8647 breaches in various embankments, Canal and Canal structures respectivelyunder major/medium irrigation. Also 1000 headworks and distribution systems under minor irrigation and 8565 lift irrigation points have been damaged.

(c) Centre has provided Rs.42.50 crore under Calamity Relief Fund and Rs.500 crore under the National Fund for Calamity Relief to the Government of Orissa for overall relief, rehabilitation and re-construction in all Sectors which includes the repairs of damaged irrigation structures.